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In re Application of
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Application No. 10/721,957
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Attorney Docket No.: 2002P19339 US01
Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR OFF-
LINE, ON-LINE, AND INSTANT-
MESSAGE-BASED MULTIMEDIA
COLLABORATION

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DECISION ON PETITION UNDER
37 C.F.R. §1.137(b)

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR §1.137(b)¹, filed January 18, 2005, to revive the above-identified application.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the Notice of Missing Parts (notice), mailed February 26, 2004, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of two (2) months. No response was received, and no extensions of time under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) were requested. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on April 27, 2004. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on December 1, 2004.

37 C.F.R. §1.137(b)(3) requires a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.137(b) was unintentional. Since the statement contained in the instant petition varies from the language required by 37 C.F.R. §1.137(b)(3), the statement contained in the instant petition is being

¹ A grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) must be accompanied by:

- (1) The reply required to the outstanding Office action or notice, unless previously filed;
- (2) The petition fee as set forth in § 1.17(m);
- (3) A statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to this paragraph was unintentional. The Commissioner may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional, and;
- (4) Any terminal disclaimer (and fee as set forth in § 1.20(d)) required pursuant to paragraph (d) of this section.

construed as the statement required by 37 C.F.R. §1.137(b)(3) and petitioner must notify the Office if this is not a correct interpretation of the statement contained in the instant petition.

With the petition, Petitioner has submitted the petition fee, a declaration and the surcharge associated with the late filing of the same, and a statement which is being interpreted as the proper statement of unintentional delay.

Petitioner has met all requirements for a grantable petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.137(b). As such, the petition is **GRANTED**.

The application file is being forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing.

The general phone number for the Office of Petitions which should be used for status requests is (571) 272-3282. Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3225.



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